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## **Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 1 Percent in January**

HARRISBURG, PA --- Commercial red meat production, in Pennsylvania during January 2015 totaled 111.2 million pounds, up 1 percent from January 2014, according to King Whetstone, Director of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Northeastern Regional Field Office.

Beef production, at 101.7 million pounds live weight, was up 1 percent from January 2014. Total head slaughtered was 83,600, down 800 head from a year ago. Live weight averaged 1,221 pounds, up 20 pounds per head from last year. Veal production was 3.19 million pounds live weight, down 28 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 7,400 head was down 3,500 head from last year. Average live weight increased 27 pounds per head from last year to 430 pounds.

Pork production was 66.7 million pounds live weight, up 3 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 245,200 up 7,700 head from January 2014. Average live weight was unchanged from last year at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during January 2015 was 474,000 pounds live weight, down 8 percent from last year. The number slaughtered was 4,200, down 1,000 head from last year. Average live weight increased 13 pounds per head from last year to 113 pounds.

The Livestock Slaughter report and all other NASS reports are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

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